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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ron Parks
Simplot Livestock Company IDG010027
1301 Hwy 67
Grandview, ID 83624

Re: Reissuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) Located in Idaho

Dear Ron Parks:

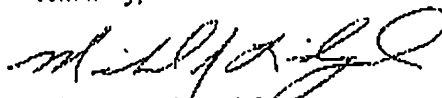
On April 9, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 published a notice of availability of the final (NPDES) general permit (Permit), authorizing discharges from CAFOs in Idaho, including CAFOs in Indian Country. The Permit became effective on May 9, 2012 and unless excluded from coverage under the Permit, owners/operators of animal feeding operations (AFOs) that are defined as CAFOs, or designated as CAFOs by the permitting authority, are eligible for coverage under the Permit.

Owners/operators of CAFOs that have administratively extended coverage under the previous general permit will continue to have coverage under that permit for 90 days after the effective date of the new Permit. If an owner/operator of a CAFO has administratively extended coverage under the previous general permit, and requests to be covered under the new Permit without a lapse in NPDES permit coverage, that owner/operator must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the EPA within 90 days of the effective date of the new Permit. The failure of an owner/operator of a CAFO, with administratively extended coverage under the previous general permit, to submit a NOI within 90 days will result in termination of permit coverage.

Owners/operators of CAFOs seeking to be covered by the new Permit must submit a NOI (see Appendix A of the new general permit) and a nutrient management plan (NMP) that meets the requirements of Part III.A of the Permit. Upon receipt, the EPA will review the NOI and NMP to ensure that they are complete. The EPA may request additional information from the CAFO owner or operator if additional information is necessary to complete them or to clarify, modify, or supplement previously submitted material. If the EPA makes a preliminary determination that the NOI is complete, the NOI, NMP, and draft terms of the NMP to be incorporated into the permit will be made available for a 30-day public review and comment period. The EPA will respond to comments received during the comment period and, if necessary, require the CAFO owner/operator to revise the NMP in order to obtain coverage under the Permit. If determined appropriate by the EPA, CAFOs will be granted coverage under the Permit upon written notification by the EPA. The EPA will identify the terms of the NMP to be incorporated into the Permit in the written notification.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Nicholas Peak at 208-378-5765 or at peak.nicholas@epa.gov.

Sincerely,


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NPDES Permits Unit